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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS AND PULSES IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding production and sowing of oilseeds and pulses for the current year in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decline in the sowing area after Tsunami devastations;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any schemes to provide financial assistance to the farmers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): As per the assessment of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, an area coverage of 800 hectares under oilseeds and 2000 hectares under pulses with oilseeds and pulses production of 320 metric tonnes and 1000 metric tonnes respectively has been projected for the year 2007-08.There has not been any significant decline in the sowing area after Tsunami devastations.

(c)&(d): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Macro Management of Agriculture` in the country including the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the benefit of farmers.Under the scheme, seed minikits of oilseeds and pulses are made available to the farmers of Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands free of cost besides financial assistance on supply of bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides.

Further, the Government of Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has also formulated various schemes under State Plan for benefit of the farmers. Under State Plan Schemes,assistance in the form of 20% cost subsidy and 100% transport subsidy on all seeds including seeds of oilseeds and pulses crops is provided to the farmers.